

Rudolph Nims House
208 West Noble Street,
Monroe, Monroe County,
Michigan.

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RUDOLPH NIMS RESIDENCE
208 West Noble Street
Monroe, Monroe County, Michigan.

<u>Owner</u>	Miss Katherine N. Nims
<u>Date of Erection</u>	1846
<u>Architect</u>	Unknown
<u>Builder</u>	Jacques Godfroy
<u>Present Condition</u>	Good
<u>Number of Stories</u>	Two
<u>Materials of Construction:</u>	Hewn oak frame on field stone foundation. White wood clapboards and cornice. Interior white wood trim.
<u>Other Existing Records:</u>	County Court House, Monroe, Michigan.
<u>Additional Data:</u>	<p>The property on which this house was built was the LaSalle Farm from a Government Grant. It was originally owned by Jacques Godfroy who purchased it sometime between 1810-1830 and subsequently built the house in 1846-47, which he sold to his partner in a land company, Rudolph Nims, in 1848.</p> <p>Miss Nims, present owner and occupant, states that Mr. Godfroy never occupied the house and that it has belonged to the Nims family since 1848.</p> <p>The first addition which was the Dining Room was built in 1850.</p>

Additional Data: (Continued)

The second addition, a small room off the Dining Room, was built in 1863.

The third addition, a summer kitchen in 1911.

The fourth addition, a small porch in 1914.

In 1890 Mr. F. A. Nims is said to have built the East porch; this was however, an enlargement in all probability, of an early two-columnar porch, into the present semi-octangular one, which has two kinds of Doric columns.

While exact dates are not available, it is probable that the rear portion whose first and second floors are at a lower level, and being more modest in character, was erected a little earlier than the main more monumental portion of the house with its four-columnar two-story Doric portico.

(Reference: Miss Katherine N. Nims; also Mr. Richard M. Robinson, University of Michigan student, who after extensive research and study, prepared a thesis on the history of Monroe).

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